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ENCOURAGEMENT AND COUNSEL

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

MY brethren and sisters, I sincerely hope that the spirit which has thus far characterized this conference may be continued in what I may say to you to-day. I trust that whatever I shall say may bring something of hope, of cheer, something to encourage and lead us onward in this great work in which we are engaged.

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I wish also to say a few words regarding the great crusaders who were with us at our last conference, and who have been called hence, Brother James E. Talmage, who was a life-long friend, and Brother Brigham H. Roberts, of whom I know through his works. They were great captains of the Lord's hosts. They did a great work; they were armoured in truth; they loved truth for truth's sake; they did not depend upon the approval of the world for their inspiration nor for their courage. While I am sure they enjoyed the approval of the world, they worked in spite in it.

Sometimes I feel that we are prone to look even as little children for commendation from the world for what we do, and what we believe, and how we work. It is not a compliment to me for any non-member to tell me that I am a human being. We, the people of the Lord, stand for the greatest principles which have been revealed to humanity. We have no reason to excuse, no cause for apology.

Brother Ivins referred this morning to the words of the Saviour, given in reply to the question of the disciples: "What shall be the sign of thy coming?" Great upheavals, political and physical, were predicted, and that anti-Christs should arise.

I wonder, sometimes, if we do not, in considering those things, focus our attention too much upon the physical and political upheavals, and too little upon the other side of that prophecy, the false and anti-Christ. I wonder also, whether, when we read these things, we do not think of false personages pretending

to be Christ, when perhaps the Saviour had some other meaning, because He spoke of the prophets of the anti-Christ. I think He had in mind and wished to warn us against false and vicious teachings.

The world to-day is torn with heresy; it seems as if the more fantastic the plan and the idea, the more ready we are to listen, and sometimes to follow. It seems to me that we have broken loose from the moorings which we once had, that we have permitted our minds to leave those places in which they found peace and rest, to seek new places where neither peace nor rest is to be found.

What more anti-Christ doctrine could there be than that which we so frequently hear nowadays, that Christianity has failed. How could Christianity fail in this world, because, so far as I know, Christianity has not yet been tried. When the world lives the principles which the Saviour gave unto us, when the world becomes really and truly Christian, then it will be time enough to cast the score as to whether Christianity has failed or succeeded. An apostate generation may not judge and condemn truth.

How equally unfortunate, it seems to me, is that statement that our civilization has failed. We say that, usually, because some of us unfortunately have not had so much of the material things of life as we once had. Civilization has not failed. It has, in the past, sometimes paused; it has sometimes halted, but, looking at the whole course of history, it has constantly gone forward, rising from every such pause and every such halt to higher and more glorious levels. It is my faith, my brothers and sisters, that such it will be when our present tribulations are over.

CHAOS IN DUE TIME OF THE LORD

Moreover, there are some of us who go about saying that if this, or that, or the other man-made plan does not succeed, chaos will result. It is my faith, my brothers and sisters, that chaos will come only in the due time of the Lord, and when the world shall have fully and completely rejected His principles and His doctrine.

We are in a time of great stress. I say a truism, something that you all know, when I tell you that some of us are somewhat in want. Many of us have lost the garnerings of a life time. Some of us know not how to turn to meet our obligations. Some of us wonder from where will come the necessities of life during this coming winter. Brother Stephen L. Richards yesterday assured us of his sympathy. I can assure you of my sympathy. I can assure you of the sympathy of all the brethren in these, your trying times. I can assure you that they sorrow with you over your privations. I can assure you that what they can do, they will do.

But, brethren and sisters, there is a certain side of this depression that I wish to bring to your attention. For example, report has reached us that a man having a hundred tons of hay, two hundred head of cattle, four milk cows, several pigs and a flock of chickens, last year accepted relief.

My brethren and sisters, relief is not for those who are in that situation. Report has also come to me that in some cases in making this recent survey, those making it have been told to

urge the people to report all they could think of that they needed. Relief cannot be carried out on that plan. In this relief work we must look forward not to the maximum of our desires, nor necessarily the maximum of what we have had. Those in need must look forward to the minimum of their needs. We can not take care of the situation on any other plan. The whole people are not in a position to bestow luxury, or even the full comforts to those in distress. If those suffering can be helped from actual want, they will have as much as the whole people can do.

President Grant referred, in his opening remarks, to relief from the government. I approach this subject with a great deal of feeling and strong conviction. The thought that we should get all we can from the government because everybody else is getting it, is unworthy of us as citizens. It will debauch us. Judged by my standards it is wicked, and, followed out, it will destroy us. The governments of our nations have not and can not supply the funds necessary to carry on relief work on that basis. We must be as careful with government funds as with our own or as with the Church's. Patriotism, loyalty, decency, everything demands that such shall be our course.

My brethren and sisters, I want to endorse every word that President Ivins said this morning regarding government. If I know my own mind and heart, next to God, the author of my being, comes my country. It has been my honour and my privilege to serve it in some more or less minor capacities, and if the providences of the Lord shall so order, I stand ready to serve it again.

THE NEED OF GOVERNMENT

This government of ours was established under the inspiration of the Lord. We as a people need our government. We must have the safeguards which the Constitution throws around us—freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom of conscience. It has been my opportunity during my life to stand near to some of those who are called great. It has been my opportunity to work among those who will always work in subordinate capacities in the government. I want to say to you, my brethren and sisters, in all earnestness, that I have yet to see the man, however great he was, that I would wish to see become a dictator. Dictators are not for America, and the doctrine that dictators should rule us comes from an evil source.

As I contemplate our condition to-day, and contemplate the condition of the pioneers when they came into these valleys, I can but wonder what they would have thought of our fears, our apprehensions, our complaints. When I think that their first winter was spent here with scarcely enough to carry them through, and with no help nearer than a thousand miles by ox team; when I think of the following spring when they had to eat roots to maintain themselves; when I think of the fear that must have been in their hearts when they saw the locusts come in hordes to destroy their crops; when I think of how we are situated, with an actual sufficiency, if not an abundance, with communications open and free, we, housed, clothed and possibilities of being fed, it seems that we should take courage, we should hold up our heads, we should return our thanks to our Heavenly Father for all of His goodness and mercy unto us. Think how

fortunate the pioneers would have thought themselves to be if they had been placed as are we! We should appreciate the Lord's blessings, because He does not always bless those who fail in their appreciation, and our prayers should be not alone asking for what we want, but expressing gratitude for what we have. And after all, my brethren and sisters, the temporal things of life, food and clothing, and shelter, amount to very little, if we have enough for our actual wants. It is only the great eternal truths that count, and we have those truths, and we have a knowledge that they are true. We know that by living the truth we shall have eternal life in the world to come.

Peter, in his first epistle, says:

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away;

But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

May the Lord bless us, may He let His spirit hover over us, may He give us peace and courage and confidence, may He enable us to see the blessings of what we have in order that we may hold them, instead of flying to conditions of which we have no knowledge, may He be with us individually and collectively, may He make of us a beacon in the world to lead all to the true light of the Saviour, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.—(Conference Address, delivered Sunday, October 8th, 1933, in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah.)

THE UNIVERSAL APPEAL OF AUXILIARY WORK

Ileen Ann Waspe

Y. L. M. I. A. Supervisor of the European Missions

[*Sister Ileen Waspe and Sister Nettie Woodbury have recently returned from an extensive visit to the Continental missions in the interest of the auxiliary organizations of the Church. The articles that follow tell of the development of auxiliaries there, and of their importance in the proselyting work of the various missions.*]

Economic and political history of the world is replete with the attempts of men to break through the barriers and bring nations together for the general upbuilding of the human race. One cannot travel through the nations of Europe to-day and not be aware of the undermining current which seems to threaten the world's peace and happiness. The master minds of the nations are trying in vain to unite them in a common bond of understanding. Daily papers and periodicals are filled with accounts of their attempts and failures. Editors and journalists are devoting their efforts, as they have for decades, to the explaining of the fundamental causes of these failures. Tradition, heredity, nationalism, and the great barrier of language have long been declared formidable obstacles in the path of international unity.

It has been a glorious privilege during the past two months to visit the European Missions in the interest of the auxiliary work,

The most outstanding testimony which has come from the contact with the saints of eight nations is this: neither tradition, heredity, nationalism nor language is a barrier to the progress of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though true it is that in national characteristics the Scandinavian differs greatly from the German, the Frenchman from the Czech, yet in the lives of all, the Gospel truths have found the same application.

Three years have now passed since the First Presidency sent the call to the saints of these European lands to prepare themselves for leadership. The work in these missions to-day testifies to the glorious manner in which this call is being answered. Large and small branches are efficiently presided over and services are conducted by local brethren. Branch choirs and choruses are well trained. It is an inspiration to hear the songs of Zion rendered in so many tongues, yet always with the same spirit of praise and thanksgiving.

AUXILIARY WORK DIRECTED BY LOCAL MISSION BOARDS

The auxiliary work in seven missions is now directed by local mission boards. They are composed of fine men and women, firmly rooted in their desire to serve the Lord and willing to give their best to this new responsibility of leadership. The Church can well be proud of its official family in the European Missions.

Women whose lives are one long story of sacrifice and devotion to truth, stand at the head of the Relief Society work. They bear marvellous testimonies of the goodness of God and express gratitude for this new opportunity for service. Our sisters far outnumber the brethren in these missions and, therefore, upon them greatly rests the responsibility of building up the spiritual, as well as the temporal tenor of the branches and missions. The Relief Society mission boards are forming the nucleus from which the spirit of love and unity is going forward and growing throughout the missions.

Whenever the Lord has given a commandment to His people it has been of a universal character. When plans for the furthering of His work have been formulated under divine inspiration, they, too, are applicable to all men. The adoption of our M. I. A. programme in nine nations is evidence to us that it is more than man-made. It has been designed to fit the needs of the young people of the world from pole to pole, and it is ably filling the measure of its creation. Each mission is characterised by the natural tendencies of its youth, but the miracle seems to be that each group finds in the M. I. A. programme a provision for the expression and direction of their inborn urges. Travelling from mission to mission one catches a glimpse of this great international organization of the youth of these latter days.

Denmark has a complete mission organization of its own people. Gleaner and M Men work especially are going forward with a fine spirit. They have adopted as one of their joint projects the raising of funds for the support of their local missionaries, which is typical of work they are undertaking. A well-trained M Men and Gleaner chorus furnished the music for the Sunday joint M. I. A. session in Copenhagen. The leaders are alert, progressive and sincere, and their efforts are successful because of the keen desire for progression on the part of those who follow.

The Swedish Mission, over ten times the size of Denmark in area, is naturally confronted with different problems. The class activities here are just getting a firm footing. This year the young people of Sweden have been given the responsibility of mission supervision, and indications are that the work will progress rapidly under their leadership. They have before them the joy of watching the development which comes from participation in M. I. A. activities.

In the Oslo branch of the Norwegian Mission, their opening M. I. A. evening was well attended, many of those present not being members of our Church. The talents of these fine Norwegian youths furnished a delightful evening. Though the mission boards are not completely organized, they are earnestly planning for the advancement of the activity programme. The translation of the new European edition of the Bee-Hive Handoook has been completed, and will soon be ready for their girls, and Bee-Hive work will again go forward.

WORK AMONG YOUNG BOYS IN GERMANY

With complete Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. boards the German-Austrian mission, with its large membership, is able to carry forward a full M. I. A. programme. Particularly outstanding is their work among the young boys of Germany. They have a fine programme in scouting, and 212 boys, most of them not members of our faith, are enrolled in their troops. Activities have been somewhat curtailed because of local conditions, but their leaders are hopeful that they will be able to carry on their fine work. Through Scouting they are meeting the greatest problem of these European Missions, which is to provide an activity which will attract and hold the fine young men of these lands. If this Church is to continue to grow beyond the present generation, men must now be trained so that they will be worthy and prepared to hold and officiate in the Priesthood of God. The work of the young women in the German-Austrian Mission is in a splendid condition, and it is gratifying to see the efforts for our young men keeping pace.

One of the finest demonstrations of the M. I. A. objective was given in Czecho-Slovakia. The Bee-Hive swarm of the Prague Branch consists of about eight exceptional young women. They have developed their God-given talents, and though several are not members of the Church, they are closely bound together through their united effort in Bee-Hive work. Making a trip by train at their own expense, they co-operated with the missionaries who are building up a small branch in a town two hours distance from Prague. Though the membership of this little branch is only about fifteen, these girls entertained an audience of nearly one hundred. Their work on that evening stood as a testimony of the "refining influence of 'Mormonism,'" and preached a sermon that could never could be written.

Again, in the Swiss-German Mission the organizations are large and flourishing. Local leadership is well under way, and the work is beginning to show the effects of supervision by the mission boards. Attending the Basle Branch M. I. A. was just like dropping in at the average Tuesday evening session in any of the stakes of Zion. A large chorus of Gleaner Girls, all wearing

simple but attractive blue and white check dresses, gave their Gleaner song. The Bee-Hive girls, also in neat uniforms, sang in their own language one of the Bee-Hive songs.

Because of the small membership in the French Mission, they have been unable to promote the separate Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. projects. However, they are weaving the activity work into their programme, and it is hoped that leaders will soon be developed who can promote the departmental work, for it is only through them that membership will grow.

Small in territory but seething with enthusiasm is the Netherlands Mission. Complete local supervision in the Y. L. M. I. A. has resulted in a well-prepared programme for Bee-Hive and Gleaner work. A new feature of this year was an M Men and Gleaner convention to begin their year's work. The M Men here are filling the gaps which are resulting from the depleted missionary force. They are indeed proving to be "minute men." During the week they are tracting, and on Sunday evenings they are at the call of the District President to fill appointments in the various branches.

As a fitting climax to a survey of M. I. A. work among the missions of Europe came a Gleaner banquet in the Sheffield District of the British Mission. Using as their theme the Word of Wisdom, over sixty members and friends were fed according to the Lord's law of health. The banquet was followed by a splendid programme given entirely by the Gleaner girls, which included portrayal of their projects and activities. Neither time nor effort was spared in making the evening one long to be remembered.

Thus are the missions of Europe united in their efforts to build Zion upon this continent. Indeed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not finding language nor nationality a barrier in its progression. Coupled with the efforts of our local people, giving training, guidance and inspiration, are ten splendid mission presidents, ten well-qualified mission mothers, and a wonderful corps of missionaries. Through their united efforts and the help of our Father, the Gospel message will reach every "nation, kindred, tongue and people," and through the refining influences of "Mormonism" we shall all be bound together as one in the kingdom of God.

THE PROSELYTING VALUE OF AUXILIARIES

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ALTHOUGH the Primary organization is the youngest of the auxiliaries in the European Missions, a great deal of missionary work is being accomplished by the good which is being done for its members.

What a wonderful opportunity it is for the Primary mother, or teacher, when these little children come each week for one hour, with their hearts and minds open to receive the words of truth which she has prepared for them. They are indeed God's

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EDITORIAL

HOW CAN I HELP?

How can I more effectively help in the great latter-day work of the Lord as it is represented by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? Presumably, every reader of the *Millennial Star* asks himself or herself this question more or less frequently. This is a challenging question and one that every Latter-day Saint should keep in mind. For if it is asked with a proper motive its effect will be very helpful in aiding each one of us to live more nearly according to the ideals upheld by the Church. In this connection we remember the injunction that Jesus gave: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5: 16.)

A full consideration of this passage would require many pages of printed matter, even a whole volume. No such treatment is here intended. Our purpose, however, is to call attention to it as a reminder of how a Latter-day Saint should live.

On this side of the Atlantic we have on record only about thirty thousand members of the Church, a number so small by comparison with that of all the inhabitants as to be almost negligible. Further, we have only about 350 full-time regular missionaries. With a force so small it is highly important that the question asked above should be in the minds of all well-wishers of the Church, including, of course, every member. For whether we have thought of it or not, each member is obligated to be a missionary and, in a certain sense, a full-time one, too. For every true Latter-day Saint teaches, at least by example—the most effective of all ways of teaching.

As we know, there are such things as "sins of omission" as well as those of commission. A perfect man is guilty of neither kind of sin. All of us are duty-bound to strive for perfection. We must, therefore, be continually active. As missionaries—remember we are *all* required to be missionaries—we are continually alert to do whatever we can to preach the Gospel—to promulgate it, to live it continually.

In this connection we call special attention to the "appeal" made by President Douglas in the article which follows this one, relative to support for this publication, the *Millennial Star*. Is not this paper a good proselyter? Is it not welcome in every Latter-day Saint home? It continually brings to its readers messages from the Church leaders, sermons on present-day problems, discussions of vital matters, news of mission activities, out-

lines for organization work, helpful suggestions of various kinds, soul-comforting reflections, etc.

As you know, the price charged for it does not pay the cost of printing and distribution. Hence, the *Star* is not published for monetary profit, but for the good it can do. But the good it does is proportional to the number who read it. Will you not respond to President Douglas' appeal and do all you can to increase the circulation of the *Star*? In doing so you will not only bless yourself, but also those new readers to whom you bring the *Star*. Your activity in behalf of this publication expresses one way, therefore, in which you can help.

Let us call your attention to the fact that the number of regular full-time missionaries from America has grown less in recent years, and rather rapidly, too. Who will take their places? You readers of the *Star*, of course. But most of you cannot give your full time to the work in the way these elders have given theirs. But you and a wider circulation of the *Star* can make up for the loss to the work of this larger number of American missionaries. Do you believe it? Try and see. If you will, an increase of joy and heavenly peace will come to you.—M.

AN APPEAL

To the travelling elders of the British Mission, and saints throughout Great Britain:

The *Millennial Star*, the official Church publication of the British Mission, has been published now for the past ninety-three years.

At one time I understand thousands of copies were published weekly, and were eagerly looked for by the Latter-day Saints. To-day only 1,400 copies are published and distributed.

The *Millennial Star*, being the official organ of the British Mission, contains, among others, the editorials of President Joseph F. Merrill, and in almost every edition an excellent discourse by some leading member of the Church, as well as guides for study courses of Priesthood, Relief Society, Sunday School, Y. M. M. I. A., Y. L. M. I. A., Primary, and Genealogy. Also the minutes of the various district conferences are reported in the *Star*.

No elder can afford not to read every word of it. No member of the Church should be without it; every investigator of truth should read its inspired pages from cover to cover.

I appeal to all elders, to the saints, and all investigators and friends to become subscribers to the *Millennial Star*, and thus make it a weekly inspiration to all interested in the cause of truth.—JAMES H. DOUGLAS.

ALL things have been done in the wisdom of Him who knoweth all things.—JOSEPH SMITH.

THE PROSELYTING VALUE OF AUXILIARIES

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servants, and will be greatly blessed for their efforts to promulgate the cause of righteousness among God's children. One of the first commandments given to the first Elders of the Church was to preach the Gospel to others. These Primary workers are fulfilling this commandment in a most commendable way.

Leaving England, the first Mission visited was Denmark, where the full work was just beginning. The members of the Primary Mission Board were all enthused over the work for the winter, and have made some excellent plans. The children here, as well as in the other countries, are very clever with their hands and beautiful specimens of their handwork were displayed.

In Sweden the Mission Board has not been organized so long and the work seemed rather new, but these workers here are entering into it heartily and are very anxious to do all they can for the children of Sweden.

GROWTH OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIMARIES

It was indeed an inspiration to see the "Primary Mothers" in Oslo, Norway. The children sat with eager faces listening to the truths which came from the lips of these dear sisters. To one not engaged in the work it seems almost unbelievable to know that in one group at a Neighbourhood Primary, only two of the fifteen attending were members of our Church. In the city of Oslo, where there is only one Branch, there are four Neighbourhood Primaries meeting each week in different parts of the city, and preparations are now being made to organize three more. There are also several regular Primaries in other cities throughout the Norwegian Mission.

Sister Margaret S. Budge, wife of the Mission President, introduced Primary work in the German-Austrian Mission in the spring of 1931. Just one year ago a Mission Board of local people was organized. The enrollment and attendance are larger in this Mission than in any other in Europe. There is a total of 1,273 officers and children enrolled ; 664 of them are not members of our Church. The work has grown steadily, so that at the present time the Primary is one of the most outstanding and best attended organizations of the Mission. The annual "Home-coming Day" programme is being carried out with great success in all of the branches.

Primaries of the Swiss-German Mission have their separate work and problems, even though they have the same language as the German-Austrian. At the time of our visit all of the workers were busy in preparation for the Primary Conference, the programme for which was outlined by the Mission Boards of the two German-speaking Missions. This is going to be another good opportunity to preach the Gospel when the parents of these children, who are not members of the Church, come to the Sacrament meeting to see their little ones participate. All of the officers and teachers are working enthusiastically, and are anxious to see their Mission at the top in this auxiliary for children.

The aim of the European Missions for this year is "A Primary in Every Branch." The Netherlands Mission is gradually reaching

that goal, having organizations in over seventy-five per cent. of its branches. I was indeed inspired with the great amount of good that is being done in Rotterdam. I attended one of their Primaries, where seventy-eight eager children had assembled to listen to the words of truth which their Primary teachers were prepared to give them.

The French and Czecho-Slovakian Missions are both very young and have not as yet been able to find suitable leaders for this work. However, the Mission Presidents are very desirous of giving the children in their missions this wonderful opportunity for growth and development.

Upon returning to England, I had the opportunity of attending the "Primary Rally Day" of the Sheffield District of the British Mission. What an inspiration to see those children, about eighty of them, gathered around long tables, each with a well-filled plate which the teachers had provided! The children of each class in the Sheffield Branch had chosen their own table decorations, then invited the members of like classes from other branches to sit with them. All of the saints and friends who attended the excellent programme which followed could not help but rejoice. The children presented plays, songs, recitations, and dances which they had learned in the Primary meetings.

The Primary Organization is the foundation upon which the future of our Church will largely depend. Other auxiliaries have been instituted to care for the membership as they grow in years, but the Primary must seek them out and hold them during those years which mean so much in their lives.

FULFILLMENT OF THE WORDS OF THE MASTER

Everywhere can be seen a fulfillment of the words of the Master, "A little child shall lead them." Our Primary children are carrying the Gospel message into homes that could never otherwise be reached. In many testimonies borne to-day we hear of how these little ones have led those of two or three times their age into the Church. It makes us all wonder if the work of any duly called missionary is any more effective than that which these Primary workers are doing.

Great interest is also being taken throughout the missions in genealogical work. The Book of Remembrance has already been translated and published by the following Missions: German-Austrian, Swiss-German, Netherlands and the French. The other Missions are making preparations at the present time for translation and printing of it. The saints are becoming more interested in gathering the genealogy of their forefathers because of the desire to fill this book with information and pictures, and thus meet with the requirements for obtaining the awards.

Many who are not members of the Church are taking advantage of this great opportunity for assistance which our Church offers, and are meeting in the genealogical classes, studying their lessons and seeking after the names of their kindred dead.

At each district conference in the German-Austrian and the Swiss-German Missions a very interesting and educational pageant is being presented showing the purpose of the Book of Remembrance, and just what should and can be done to compile it. These pageants are proving to be of great benefit to the people of

these Missions, and are giving all a desire to devote all possible time to this interesting work.

No matter where or under what conditions the saints of God meet, the same spirit of unity and love for truth is evident. Even though the words which passed between them may mean nothing because of the difference in language, the handshake is just as warm and hearty; and the feeling of love is felt just as much in one country as in another. These local workers, with the help of the Mission Presidents and their wives, are doing a great deal to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these European countries.

The Primary organizations are opening the doors for our missionaries. The genealogical work is fulfilling one of the greatest needs in these lands—for it is indeed turning the hearts of the children to their fathers.

SHE ALSO SERVES

A TRIBUTE TO A FAITHFUL SAINT

ELDER F. S. HARRIS, JR.

YEARS ago, an event happened which was to influence the lives of many. Small beginnings often have far reaching-influence, especially when they result in something that lasts over a period of time. . . . The Gospel message was being spread in West Hartlepool. A young man named Lowther caught the spirit of the message, became convinced of its divinity and joined the Church. Six months later, in January, 1905, his sister Harriet was baptized. She stayed in West Hartlepool and assisted in the Church work, Mutual, Relief Society and Sunday School—good development and preparation for anyone. Then her employment took her to Sunderland. In Sunderland, one day in 1913, Elder Duffin, president of the district, called on her. He told her that the Church had need of her services, in a work for which she was well prepared. President Hyrum M. Smith had requested that Sister Lowther be called to Durham House to take care of the house, to cook, to do the housework, etc. This work she did capably and well.

HARRIET LOWTHER

Presidents and their families come and go, but not this good sister. Day in and day out she has served. In Liverpool, too, as a Relief Society officer, then as president she rendered the saints good service. With the co-oper-

ation of the sisters in the branch, Sister Lowther made the Liverpool Branch Relief Society an active, working and effective organization. The work at Durham House kept her busy, but not too busy to spare moments here and there to visit as a Relief Society officer, doing what she could to cheer, comfort and help.

She worked under President George F. Richards, President George Albert Smith, then President David O. McKay. During those years the Elders on the way to their mission fields in Europe were routed over Liverpool. One can easily imagine a group of boat-weary Elders descending on Durham House in groups of fifteen, twenty, or more, as "wolves on the fold." Then the house was full of life from the conversation, meals and other activities of a full house. It required extra help to feed such a number, but this was managed by Sister Lowther. She is never happier than when preparing a feast—and seldom are the Elders!

Presidents Orson F. Whitney and David O. McKay came and went. Next in turn was the late President James E. Talmage. Often the presidents had their families with them. With children, especially young and healthy ones, there was always plenty of life. They were very fond of "Harriet," so fond that they used to tease her most of the time. But she was good-natured and a "good sport."

Before the British Mission responsibility was taken from the shoulders of the European Mission President, it necessitated the absence of the President and his wife a great deal of the time. If there was no travelling on the Continent to be done, there were British Mission district conferences to be visited. During these times of absence it meant increased responsibility for Harriet, responsibility that she shouldered well.

In 1927, President and Sister Widtsoe, with Eudora, arrived in Durham House. For nearly six years Harriet has been with them, moving with them to London a year ago.

Durham House was justly famous for its meals—deliciously prepared food, in ample quantities: soups, salads, roasts, vegetables, fruits, and Wisbrew, the Word of Wisdom drink. Ask anyone who has been there. But the Elders were especially fond of her lemon pie. Reams of inspired poetry, unpublished, sing its praises in her autograph book. A few years ago, too, she assisted Sister Widtsoe in preparing the recipes in the Word of Wisdom menu, published as a supplement to the *Star* (Vol. 93, No. 10), and she can be found in the picture, printed in the *Star* some time ago, of the Word of Wisdom demonstration in Manchester.

Is there no rest from work? To arise early and work throughout the day, apparently, leaves no time for anything else. To some, before going to sleep, however, there is some time, time that can be utilized for reading. And reading it is. Sister Lowther enjoys a good book. She has used a few minutes a day thus to very good advantage. To stay inside all day is not pleasant, if it must be done every day. When not visiting or otherwise engaged in Church work she went to the pictures, supplying the needed change.

Sister Lowther is quiet and efficient. Is she lovable? Hundreds of missionaries chorus, "Yes." Good-natured? "Yes." A good housekeeper? "Yes." A good cook? "Yes." A good Church

worker and faithful in her duties? "Yes." Has she brown eyes? "Yes."

Sister Lowther does not make a great fuss about her work, she is modest and humble, humble in the true "Mormon" sense of the word.

And, with humility, adaptability is a great virtue. Anyone who can get along with a different mission president every few years, with their different customs and habits, and with the hundreds of Elders, has that virtue.

When the great day of judgment comes, who will rate high? Those who hold position and honour among men? No, not necessarily. It will be those who have loved and served their fellowmen. Like Sister Harriet Lowther we must also serve. Life offers us few better examples.

LONDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FORTUNATE indeed were the members and friends of the London District who had the opportunity of attending the London District Conference held October 22nd, in the Kensington Town Hall. The presence of two members of the Council of Twelve, and their wives, President and Sister John A. Widtsoe, and President and Sister Joseph F. Merrill made it an occasion of unusual interest. The largest crowd to attend a London Conference for many years pronounced it a distinct success in every way, and the many out-of-town visitors, not a few of whom travelled miles to be present, felt well repaid for their journeys.

After the regular Sunday School opening exercises of the morning session, the conference adjourned into Priesthood and Relief Society groups conducted by President James H. Douglas and Sister Rintha Pratt Douglas. When the reports had been given by the branch presidents, President Douglas, President Widtsoe, and President Merrill spoke to the Priesthood, encouraging them to continue their activity in the Gospel. Sister Douglas, Sister Widtsoe, and Sister Merrill offered suggestions and help to the sisters in the Relief Society meeting.

The afternoon programme was presented by members of the various auxiliary organizations. Representatives from the Primary, the Bee-Hive, Gleaner, M Men, and Adult departments of the M. I. A. told of the complete organization that is embodied in the Church. Musical numbers were rendered by the District Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ray M. Russell, and the London District Quartette, directed by Sister Eudora Widtsoe.

President John A. Widtsoe was first to speak in the evening session. His remarks, directed particularly to the friends and investigators who were present, pictured the completeness of "Mormonism" as a life's philosophy. He declared that physical health, mental health, and spiritual health were necessary to one who would be completely happy, and, as happiness is the aim of life, religion must provide the way to such health, to be of value. Sister Widtsoe emphasized the importance of love and unity in the branches of the mission, and expressed her appreciation to the saints for their support during the past six years. President and Sister Merrill spoke words of greeting to the assembly, and

bore their testimonies to the divinity of the Gospel work. President and Sister Douglas, in their remarks, paid tribute to the retiring European Mission heads, President and Sister Widtsoe, and pledged the support of the British saints to the incoming leaders, President and Sister Merrill. All bore testimonies of the goodness of truth. Musical numbers in the evening session were presented by the choir, the District Quartette, and by Sister Inez Cameron Russell, who sang "Hear Ye, Israel," from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

The statistical report of the District, read by President Bart L. Christensen, stated that the District included nine branches with a membership of 648. Six branches are under local supervision and are self-supporting. Missionaries, since the last conference, spent 6,924 hours in missionary work, 733 hours tracting, 382 hours visiting investigators, 1,304 hours visiting members, and 1,021 hours attending meetings. They held 91 open-air meetings, distributed 8,228 tracts, 20 copies of the Book of Mormon, 25 other Church books, and 211 pamphlets.

Mission Authorities attending the conference were retiring European Mission President John A. Widtsoe, and Sister Leah D. Widtsoe; European Mission President Joseph F. Merrill and Sister Emily T. Merrill; British Mission President James H. Douglas, and Sister Rintha Pratt Douglas, supervisor of auxiliaries and President of the British Mission Relief Societies. Also present were Sister Eudora Widtsoe; President Bart L. Christensen, and Elders Farron E. Cutler, Gaskell A. Romney and Bruce W. Hoggan of the London District; Elders Franklin S. Harris, Jr., Leon B. Frehner, Richard S. Bennett, Frank R. Bennett, Howard Cullimore and Sister Lucille Cullimore of the European Mission Office; Elders Hugh D. Higgins, Leslie T. Norton, Arthur J. Morgan, G. Homer Durham and John D. Riggs of the British Mission Office; President Delwin M. Clawson, Elders Alma J. Larkin and Albert B. Smoot of the Portsmouth District; Elders Allan N. Adams and Herbert T. Edgar of the Welsh District; President William Murdoch, Jr., of Hull District, and Elder Woodrow C. Williams of the Norwich District.

FARRON E. CUTLER, Clerk of Conference.

CHURCH WIDE NEWS

BASKET-BALL has been utilized as a proselyting means in the Swiss-German Mission. Recently, a team of five missionaries, the office force of the Mission Office, met and defeated the basket-ball five of the Basle Street Railway Company. More similar contests are planned for the future.

DEATH has terminated the career of faithful service of John S. Hansen, for many years manager of the Associated Church Newspapers, and editor of the *Bikuben*, Danish newspaper in Salt Lake City. Elder Hansen's work has been of great value to Danish-speaking saints. Active for years in Church journalistic activities, he has translated a number of Church works into the Scandanavian languages.

EXHIBITS in State and county fairs and expositions have been an effective means of Church publicity in the Eastern States mission. Featuring a model of the Salt Lake Temple, an exact duplicate, one-seventieth the size of the famous building, carved by William Schreiner,

and a miniature reproduction of the Seagull monument on the Temple Block in Salt Lake City, together with appropriate explanations, the displays have attracted thousands of people to make further inquiry concerning the message of the Church.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Branch Conferences: *Scottish District*—Airdrie Branch, August 6th. Church History was discussed by District President Jodie J. Smith and Branch President Thomas Green.

Aberdeen Branch, August 13th. To a congregation that included many visitors, members of the Branch Presidency spoke on the conference topic, "Christ's Ministry."

Glasgow Branch, September 10th. Over fifty members and friends attended the services. Featured were personal testimonies of "Why I Am a 'Mormon.'" The Spirit of the Lord was present in rich abundance.

Doings in the Districts: *Scottish*—Successful, both financially and socially, was the entertainment and sale-of-work sponsored by the Relief Society of the Aberdeen Branch on October 12th. Approximately 75 members and friends were in attendance. Mr. Stordy and family furnished the music for the dance that followed.

On the evening of September 27th, members of the Airdrie Branch entertained their friends at a delightful social. The feeling of friendship present was an evidence that occasions like this are doing much to obviate the ridicule and misunderstanding of the past.

At a baptismal service held October 29th, two persons were baptized by District President Jodie J. Smith. Later, at Sacrament service, both applicants were confirmed. Also, at the same service, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie was blessed and given a name.

Nottingham—Five candidates for Church membership were baptized at the Arnold Baths, near Nottingham, Saturday, October 21st. They were confirmed at a meeting held in the Nottingham Branch Hall the same evening. The services were under the direction of local and travelling elders.

DEATH

CUTTLER—Funeral services for Sister Maria Ann Cuttler, of the South London Branch, a life-long member of the Church, were held October 19th, 1933. Local Elder William E. Attwood conducted the services and dedicated the grave.

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